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Int'l App. No.: PCT/EP03/09009
Application No.: **NEW APPLICATION**
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For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SILICIC
ACID COMPRISING EXTRUDATE, SAID EXTRUDATE,
ITS USE AND A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION
COMPRISING THE SAID EXTRUDATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.